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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 09/824,483

Examiner: Mark A. Fadok

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For: METHOD FOR SELLING ITEMS USING A  
NETWORK

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, for which a response was due on October 19, 2005, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from October 19, 2005, to November 21, 2005 (the first business day following November 19, 2005). Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group IA - Claims 16, 18, 21, and 22 for continued examination. Applicants traverse the rejection on two grounds. First, it is believed that at least claims 16, 21 and 22 are generic. Indeed, the Examiner's own restriction requirement suggest this conclusion given that these claims are in each group. Second, Applicants are uncertain as to the status of claim 20, which is not included in any group. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner clarify the status of claim 20 so that Applicants can properly respond to the restriction.

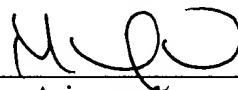
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032023900.

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